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SUBJ: ARREST OF DAPCEVIC ANNOUNCED; OTHER COMINFORMIST DEVELOPMENTS

1. ANY LINGERING DOUBTS ABOUT WHEREABOUTS OF COMINFORMIST EMIGRE VLADIMIR DAPCEVIC, WHO DISAPPEARED IN BUCHAREST LAST AUGUST, WERE DISPELLED BY TERSE TANJUG ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST ON BELGRADE RADIO DECEMBER 26 AND CARRIED DECEMBER 27 PRESS THAT HE IS IN YUGOSLAV JAIL AWAITING TRIAL. ANNOUNCEMENT, DRAWING ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BELGRADE DISTRICT COURT, STATES THAT DAPCEVIC, "A YUGOSLAV CITIZEN", IS CHARGED WITH COMMITTING HOSTILE ATICITIES AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND STATE. IT SAID HE WAS ARRESTED ON YUGOSLAV TERRITORY IN THE COURSE OF CARRYING OUT HOSTILE ACTS, AND THAT INVESTIGATION IS STILL UNDER WAY.

2. IN REPORT ON SECURITY TO FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, SUMMARIZED INNHECEMBER 25 PRESS, INTERIOR SECRETARY HERLJEVIC STATED THAT 36 PERSONS HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH COMMITTING COMINFORMIST ACTS. HE SAID LARGE QUANTITY OF PROPAGANDA MATERIAL HAD BEEN UNCOVERED WHICH ESTABLISHES THEIR GUILT AND CONFIRMS THEIR PLANS AND AIMS.

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3. HERLJEVIC ALSO STATED THAT 16 FOREIGNMK INFORMANTS

AND AGENTS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED THIS YEAR FOR ESPIONAGE,
AND ANOTHER SEVEN PERSONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTI-
GATION.

4. COMMENT: MINIC VISIT TO BUCHAREST DECEMBER 24-25

ALMOST CERTAINLY CLEARED WAY FOR RELEASING INFORMATION

DAPCEVIC'S ARREST--AS PRELUDE TO ANNOUNCING TRIAL VERDICT--

AFTER SOVIET REFUSAL TO BUDGE FURTHER ON COMINFORMISTS

DURING MINIC VISIT TO MOSCOW.

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